

***RI Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force  
Recovery Strategy Sub-Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting held on December 15, 2015 at 1:30-3:00 pm***

**Location of Meeting:**

Anchor Community Center  
249 Main Street  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861

**Person Presiding:** Linda Mahoney

**Members in Attendance:**

Judy Fox, Jonathan Goyer, Michelle Harter, Tom Joyce, Cheryl LeClair, Joshua Miller, Kim Sande, Lisa Tomasso and Rosemary Petteruti

The meeting of the Recovery Strategy Sub-Committee was called to order at 1:30 PM on December 15, 2015 at the Anchor Community Center by Linda Mahoney.

**Actions of Meeting**

1. The minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Lisa Tomasso to accept the minutes, seconded by Kim Sande, all in favor, the motion was approved.
2. The purpose of this committee is to find ways to increase recovery supports, particularly peer recovery coaches, recovery planning and certifying recovery housing.

**Consideration of New Business**

1. Linda reminded everyone that all 4 units (sub-committees) will give a 5 minute presentation at the big meeting of the RI Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force to be held on Wednesday, January 13
2. The potential cost to implement the Center of Excellence needs to be determined
3. Linda stated that on January 1, Medicaid is ready to turn the key for peer recovery
4. To be certified to be a peer recovery coach (CPRS) it is currently required that a person has been through treatment. There is a concern that this could exclude people who would otherwise become a coach
5. Discussion on the four sub-committees:
  - a. Recovery Housing (Ian Knowles, Judy fox, Kim Sande and Delia Aguilar): Ian and his sub-committee need to submit an update on their progress with recovery housing. The group needs to look at what other states are doing and explore options.
  - b. Peer recovery coach curriculum & training (Ian Knowles, Judy Fox, Michelle Harter and Tom Joyce): The group needs to look at revision and cost. Tom stated that the current system is workable with proper training. It was suggested that the group look at incorporating other peer groups and programs as one way to

- increase recovery supports. Judy said she is working on a survey monkey for tracking peer coaches and resources
- c. Legislation and regulation (Lisa Tomasso, Joshua Miller, Cheryl LeClair, Jonathan Goyer and Linda Mahoney): Need to utilize Smart Forms as part of the recovery planning tools and discharge planning
  - d. Text line international (Dan McShane and Jonathan Goyer): Dan was not at the meeting to give an update on this sub-committee. Cost is being explored.
- 6. Tom reported that the Providence Center/Anchor have been working with Roger Williams and St. Joseph hospitals are on board with getting peer recovery into their emergency rooms
  - 7. Linda mentioned that treatment is off the tasks of this sub-committee and is being handled by the Treatment Workgroup headed by Rebecca Boss
  - 8. The group needs to work on a universal discharge tool
  - 9. Peer recovery coaches need to be on-site rather than on-call. It is important to get the doctors and rescue teams working to improve the communication with peer recovery coaches. Currently, a patient can be given Narcan in the ambulance and then walk away. It was suggested that the rescue team should contact a recovery coach to meet with the patient to provide guidance

### **Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Recovery Strategy Sub-Committee will be held at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at the Anchor Community Center, 249 Main Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861.

There will also be a meeting of the Recovery Strategy Sub-Committee at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, January 8, 2016 at the Anchor Community Center, 249 Main Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861.

All sub-committee reports are due on January 12, 2016.

The RI Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force to be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM by Linda Mahoney

Minutes submitted by: Rosemary Petteruti